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NE Derbyshire Ashover FP106

Photograph by Ken Brockway



Walking in the countryside can present all sorts of challenges. Most can be expected and others are sometimes surprising. A few weeks ago I was seated on the grass at the side of a bridleway having a drink of tea, when I heard a shout, 'will you stand up please'. Looking up there was a young lady riding a horse down the lane who had stopped to call to me. 'Why should I stand up?' I replied. 'Because the horse is frightened of you'.

'If I stand up the horse will be even more frightened', I said. 'Will you stand up so I can come past' was the reply I got. Reluctantly I stood up. 'Now don't move until we have come past' was the command I got. The horse and rider came slowly past. No other words were spoken. In all my years of walking I have never been asked to stand up for a horse to pass. I anticipate that others may well have had similar experiences, but for me it was the first.

Walking around the parish of Hunshelf recently, I walked through the village of Green Moor, indeed the only village in the parish of Hunshelf, and the village where the parish council meets. The PNFS is fortunate to have a parish councillor as a member, and he is also a footpath inspector. I was surprised to see wonderful display of flowers in many

places around the village and a number of villagers working on the displays. On asking why there were so many flowers around the village, I was told that Green Moor had entered the Britain in Bloom competition, and that the judging would be towards the end of July. By the time you read this article the judging will have taken place and the results known. However, there has just been a night of thunderstorms with torrential rain and high winds so I hope the plants will have survived the onslaught. The eastern Pennines can be a harsh place at 1,000 feet above sea level. I wish the villagers well in their endeavours.

One of our recent successes has been the installation of a third toposcope on the summit of Win Hill. The Peak District does not have a peak, as most of the high ground is relatively flat. Take the example of Kinder Scout, which is a flat summit, and one of the highest points in the Peak District. However, Win Hill does have a peak in that the elongated top can be seen from many different angles and does look like a peak.

Our thanks go to our Signpost Officer, David Morton for the work he has put in to get it there. This was no easy task, both with the manufacture of the metal plate, and getting the required materials to the top. There was also waiting for a period during the spring when he could be sure there would be no frosts that would damage the concrete. The toposcope is in memory of Geoff Errington, and would have been a lasting reminder for his partner Ruth Cuzens. However, the sad fact is the toposcope was stolen shortly after it was erected. We had hoped this would be a memorial of the work that Geoff did for the Society in his position as a footpath inspector and webmaster. The Trustees will decide what we need to do as a replacement reminder of Geoff.

PNFS is a footpath preservation society, even though you will hear and see many things related to signs and bridges and many other things. We have a strong team of qualified people working with local authorities to ensure that public footpaths are kept open and not blocked by all manner of obstructions. This is where footpath inspectors start their work, reporting obstructions that are not removed by the local authorities, and bringing the difficulties to area officers for them to assess the situation. It is the work of area officers and courts of inquiry officers who do large amounts of work on the society's behalf and who only rarely are seen by the membership. The names of the people concerned are listed in the annual report, together with photographs in many cases, and these are the people who work week in and week out for the many members of the Society and for the walking public.

David Hurrell, Chairman and Trustee

Photograph by David Hurrell



Editorial

In case you are wondering why your third copy of *Signpost* for this year is so early, rest assured that you will receive another in December. That means four *Signposts* a year - and more for your pound!

Thanks go to everyone who sent items for *Signpost*. If they are not included in this issue, they will appear in the winter issue. Please note the revised copy deadlines on the back cover.

Enjoy your walks this autumn.
Shirley M Addy, BA, Editor and Footpath Inspector

Fed-up with finding paths obstructed or overgrown? Become a footpath inspector for PNFS!

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Thoughts of a New Area Officer

My wife and I moved to Buxton some 8 years ago. Both of us have always been involved in our local community and saw no reason why we should not continue this in our new surroundings.

As walking, alone or with friends, has always been one of our principal ways of relaxing, putting issues into perspective, it seemed natural to join the Peak and Northern Footpath Society in order to volunteer as an inspector. What a great decision! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know “my patch” - half a dozen parishes around Buxton, discovering hidden views and nature reserves. It continues to surprise me how much good countryside there can be so close to major quarries. The map suggests a path that will be boring and spoilt, industrial even, only to discover orchids and other wild flowers. I failed to get round all my paths within the hoped for two year cycle but they are in better condition than when I started! It all helps. If you are a member and yet not an inspector, we need you – please do think about taking on a local parish.

As the years have gone by, under the expert tutelage of John Harker, I have chosen to become involved in some of the issues and started to deal directly with landowners and footpath officers. Replacing bleached out and missing waymarks instead of reporting the fault (and being frustrated because nothing seems to happen) has been a real joy as it addresses the issue immediately and solves the problem. I have on occasions also talked with landowners directly (sometimes being dismissed but usually a welcomed dialogue). This has enabled issues to be moved on successfully for the benefit of walkers, although, even when there is agreement, it does seem to take soooo long!

Whilst I accept this is not appealing to many inspectors, I would encourage having some waymarks and nailing up replacements (if your local authority allows this as Derbyshire does). It's satisfying, reduces faults and allows Local Authorities to concentrate their signing budget where a new sign is the only answer.

With the Society short of Area Officers, it seemed a small step from what I was already doing on “my patch” to take on a wider area, helping other inspectors with issues. Hopefully they will think it's a good thing!

So, with much to learn, limited time (it has to be fitted round grandparenting duties and other similar issues), I am looking forward to the challenge and trust that High Peak inspectors will work with me on addressing problem footpaths - I certainly will not be able to be effective without their support and detailed local knowledge.

Derek Bodey, Area Officer

National Parks Review - Interim Report available online

The National Parks Review has produced an interim report. It is at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/817608/landscapes-review-interim-findings-july2019.pdf.



HALF YEAR MEETING

Saturday, 19 October 2019

**Quaker Central Meeting House,
10 St James Street, Sheffield, S1 2EW**

For those arriving by train there is the Blue Route tram service from the tram stop at the rear entrance to the station accessed from the footbridge at high level. The tram will show 'Malin Bridge' on the indicator, and will leave from the platform next to the station entrance.

Trams run every 12 minutes and take 12 minutes to reach the cathedral tram stop.

The Quaker Meeting House is to the left of the cathedral, but is just out of sight. For those arriving by car, park and ride is available using the trams at Middlewood, Meadowhall (adjacent to the M1) and Cricket Inn Road.

Car parking is available on Campo Lane, the road just below the Meeting House, but this is expensive and there are others in the city centre a short walk away.

A cold buffet lunch will be available, but must be booked in advance.

To reserve your place at the HYM please inform David Brown (email pnfs.meetings@gmail.com, phone 01663 733236 or text 07732 682 026), and no later than Tuesday, 8 October if booking lunch.

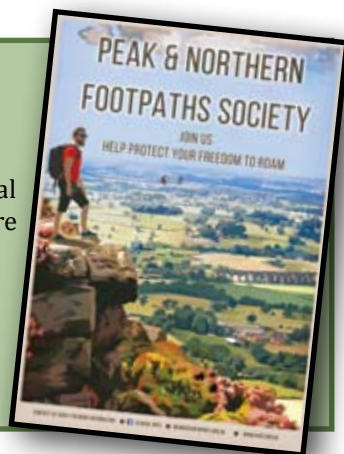
10.30 am	Coffee or Tea.
11.00 am	Half year meeting commences
12.30 pm	Cold buffet lunch
13.30 pm	Topic to be discussed (to be confirmed) followed by open forum
15.00 pm	Meeting closes

A donation is invited to help defray the catering cost of £8.50 per meal

PNFS Request for Help

Would you like to help promote the Society in your area?
Would you be able to put an A4 size poster in your local library or leave a few leaflets in your favourite café or local train station? If so, we would love to hear from you. We are looking to promote the Society across our region to raise our profile, increase membership and advertise the good work we do.

If you can help, then please contact Jenny Allen (Trustee) via email ja1pnfs@gmail.com.



A Walk in Virtual Reality

Life is never that simple when technology is involved. In my youth I used paper maps and a compass to guide me. These low-tech navigation aids were pretty good, though high winds, driving rain and thick mists made them a challenge to use at times. Walking The Pennine Way across Cross Fell taught me never to rely on technology alone. I got lost in cloud and high wind and had to cautiously find the path again, ever worried about venturing too close to the screes that ring the summit. Many of us will have had similar experiences. Had GPS been available back then I'm sure that it would have guided me safely back to my route, but relying on that single technology alone would also be folly.

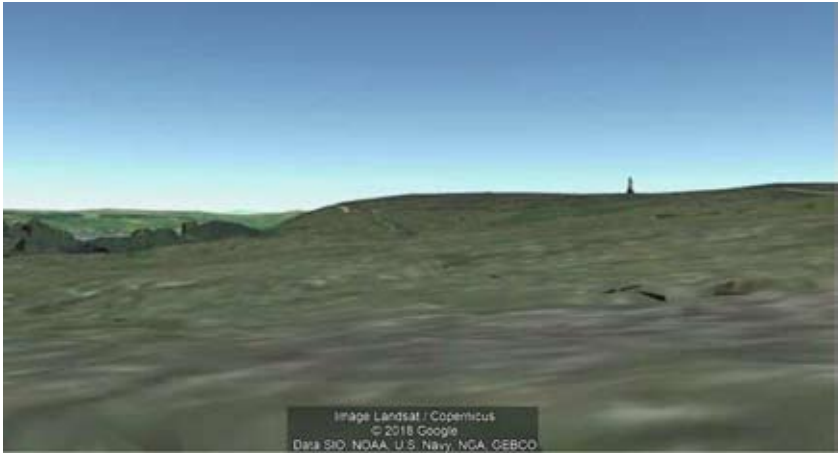
Whilst digital maps and GPS eXchange format (or GPX) files are now widely used, they have their own peculiarities. I recently tried to send a GPX route file to a friend, only to find that he couldn't open it. After a lot of head scratching we discovered that my software was using UTF-16 character encoding whilst his could only read files encoded with the earlier UTF-8 standard. Eventually we managed to convert from one UTF standard to another and all was well. Whilst trying to fix this problem, I stumbled across Google Earth's '.KML' files. These files allow walking routes to be shown as tracks in Google Earth applications. In some areas of the UK Google Earth can now display detailed 3D images, so you can view a virtual reality world and look around at ground level.



I took this picture during a beautiful summer's day walk across the Darwen Moors in Lancashire, which took in many of the PNFS signposts in the area. The Jubilee Tower above Darwen rises on the horizon about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away. I was standing at SD 673 204 [53.67983,-2.49552] on 27 June 2019 at 10:17 in the morning when I clicked the shutter. Back at home I managed to convert my GPS track logging GPX file into KML format and then retrace my route in Google Earth's virtual reality world.

Below is the same view. The horizon matches the same contour and the woods to the left of the image have the same profile. In Google's virtual reality world perpetual summer reigns, with blue skies and trees in leaf. Close to your viewing point it can't render foliage accurately and you'll notice that atmospheric bluing in the far distance, beyond Darwen and above the tree line, is missing. However you'd certainly be able to

recognise where you were in the virtual world. It's a truly astonishing feat of technology, that I certainly couldn't have imagined possible in my youth.



I'm waiting for a really thick fog to descend on Cross Fell again, and then I'll be able to stride out confidently wearing a virtual reality headset to keep me on track in Google's perpetual summertime. It's not as ridiculous as it sounds, I'm sure apps will be reaching our Smartphone's sometime soon!

Murray Fullerton, Member

Dogs Now Compulsory

Recently I came across a new mandatory highway sign during an inspection of the Ribble Valley parish of Twiston. Many laws get passed at the Houses of Parliament without receiving much or any coverage by the media, but I am surprised that nothing has been said about the legal requirement that walkers must now take a dog with them. I would have thought that the PNFS would have lobbied against this barking mad law.

I do not have a dog but fortunately I did not see anyone else whilst walking in Twiston so my crime went unnoticed. Perhaps the PNFS can clarify this matter.

I wonder if my husband walked with me and identified himself as a dog, I could avoid getting into the doghouse.

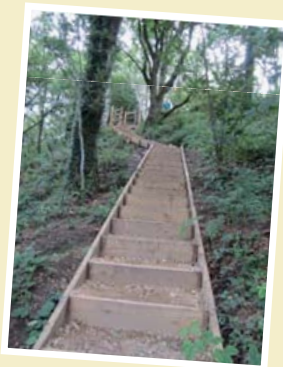
Shirley M Addy, Editor and Footpath Society



Changes Afoot on East Cheshire's Principal Long Distance Trail

The Gritstone Trail will be well-known to many PNFS members. Running generally north-south for 35 miles/56 km from Disley to Kidsgrove, it follows the western edge of the Peak District, affording some excellent hill-walking relatively close to well-populated areas and public transport links. Given reasonable weather, there are splendid views to be had at various points along the route – not just over the Peak District and the Cheshire Plain, but also further afield such as the West Pennine Moors, Liverpool Cathedral, Welsh hills beyond Wrexham, Breidden Hills near Welshpool, and the Wrekin at Telford. The 'Twin Trails' - the Gritstone Trail, and its sister, the Sandstone Trail (Frodsham-Whitchurch) - are currently the subject of a significant improvement project, led by two local authorities, Cheshire East Council, and Cheshire West and Chester Council, and including many local partners. The Twin Trails improvement Project is funded by the Rural Development Programme for England (2014-2020), as part of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

The project is designed to ensure that both trails are valued and to increase the number of both day and overnight visitors, thereby offering not only commercial benefits to local business, but also health and well-being benefits to all those using the trails. At a practical level, this has seen major improvements to signposting and way-marking, more interpretation boards, the replacement of some stiles with accessible gates, and improvements to paths. An example of the latter is Congleton FP51 – one of 'my' paths. Though relatively short (74 m) it forms a key part of the Gritstone Trail between Bosley Cloud and the picnic area at Timbersbrook. In its short length through mature woodland it includes a very steep section down from Gosberryhole Lane, followed by a section below the spring line over very muddy ground to Tunstall Road.



Prior to the Twin Trails project, walkers had to negotiate an elderly, gently decaying, staircase through the steep section, as well as a gingerly picked route over occasional stones, tussocks, and bits of wood in the muddy area. At some stage in the transit, it was almost inevitable that most walkers' luck would run out, and some embarrassment would be incurred. Now, thanks to the project, FP51 is transformed, with a completely rebuilt and lengthened staircase, improved drainage below the spring line, a well-surfaced path through the muddy area, and safer access to Tunstall

Lane. What had previously been a grim section of the Gritstone Trail, to be endured rather than enjoyed, is now a good advert for the Trail's delights. The difference in elevation between its two ends does of course remain, but at least one can now pause for breath in stable conditions!

In a nearby separate but complementary project, the National Trust has addressed issues caused by mountain bike riders at its Bosley Cloud property. For many years there has been unauthorised use by mountain bikers, leading to inevitable conflict between walkers and riders. Attempts to prevent access by mountain bikers have failed, with paths and heathland eroded, and gates, stiles and signage being vandalised. The Trust has now entered into a licensing-based partnership agreement with the newly-formed Congleton Mountain Biking Group. Together they will create and sign routes for mountain bikers, clearly defining routes shared by walkers and bikers. Usage will be restricted to members of the Group who will display an annual colour-coded label on their cycle helmets. Members have signed up to a code of conduct and trail etiquette as part of the licensing agreement. Will it work? It remains to be seen. The previous ban didn't work because there were insufficient resources to enforce it routinely. The new arrangements means that the Group have a vested interest in ensuring compliance amongst their fraternity for fear of losing their new-found facility. So they have to meet the challenge of maintaining good practice. Time will tell.

David Gartside, Footpath Inspector

Footpath 49 South Darley

This short footpath in the village of Wensley, between Winsters and Matlock, was legally recognised as a public right of way when it was added to the definitive map in April 2018 by the confirmation of a modification order made by Derbyshire County Council. The order received objections from the landowners, so was determined by a planning inspector. It is a valuable path locally, since it enables a blind bend on a narrow, busy road, with a narrow pavement, to be avoided. Local residents have been trying to get the path re-opened for public use since 2018, and PNFS has been helping over the past few weeks when the situation had become intractable. The main problem is that because the evidence that the path was a public right of way was public use from 1990 to 2010, when a landowner blocked the path, it is not publicly maintainable. So the county council has no duty to maintain the path, and in fact it is probable that no-one has this duty. The council does, however, have a duty to remove obstructions, and a fence and part of a wall have been removed. Securing the removal of an unstable mound of earth across the width of the path, which is slippery when wet and now grows a crop of poppies, is proving more difficult. If anyone were to be hurt while using the path, the question of liability is unresolved. Nothing is straight forward in the world of rights of way legislation, but the problems on this path are proving more difficult than most.

Photograph shows FP49 South Darley from east end looking west.

Rhoda Barnett, Courts and Inquiries Officer

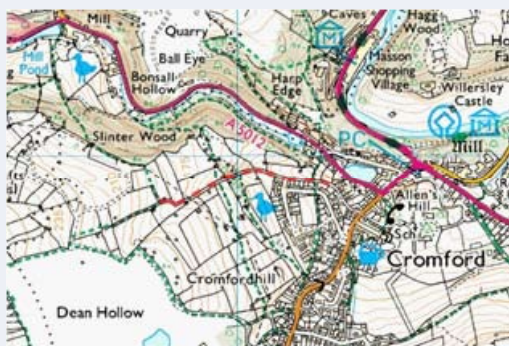


Definitive Map Modification Order Applications

Summer has seen a lull in definitive map modification order applications partly caused by Derbyshire County Council being rather slow to register the most recent but more so by my desire to get out walking. Mind you even this creates office work with more gaps and unrecorded paths being discovered. I've also been working on a project with Friends of the Cromford Canal who wish to promote and improve footpath links to the disused canal that they wish to open up again. Close by a village wanted to create a history walk and asked me to advise them on a route. I learnt a lot about the history of Ironville in the process.



Alabaster Lane shows on Ordnance Survey and has a footpath ending at the lane a good pointer to a route with public rights. The Finance Act of 1910 identified on a map taxable land with coloured borders. Public highways were left blank as was Alabaster Lane this supported the application along with the Tithe Map.



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So where are we with unrecorded paths in Derbyshire? I now have a list of eighty mostly in the south of the county but I have two in Glossop that need sorting and there may be more up there if only there was more time. I met a chap in the Records Office, not a serious walker, but he felt the project is worthwhile. He has been scanning OS maps and is now making copies of material at the Derbyshire Records Office so that he and others can investigate at home. DCC are very slow registering applications and I want to complete one before submitting the next. When the weather keeps me indoors I have six more applications ready to fire off.

The PNFS has recently formed an **Investment Subcommittee**. Its remit is to advise the trustees on the Society's investment policy and strategy. If any member would like to volunteer to join the committee they should contact the treasurer by email on treasurer@pnfs.org.uk.



The Moor at Middleton by Wirksworth grew like Topsy spotted because two footpaths meet an unrecorded track. Due to quarry working on the moor the route had been subject to Quarter Session Diversion Orders which offer very good evidence of public rights.



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Littlemoor Lane shows up as a track on Ordnance Survey. The Matlock Tithe map is fairly unusual in that the roads are allocated a number and these are awarded as public highway to Matlock Parish, fairly good evidence backed up by other sources gave the green light for a Definitive Map Modification Order.



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One very useful source of evidence for gaps or routes of higher status is the 1910 Land Valuation maps so it was a boost when the British Horse Society reported their plan to copy all the Derbyshire maps at Kew. DRO has a good but incomplete set of the working copies while the Kew copies carry more clout and cover the complete county. It is therefore further good news that Peak and Northern Footpaths Society has agreed to fund copies at Kew of the Staffordshire map. There is however a big but because we also need volunteers to seek out unrecorded routes in Staffordshire and make use of the resource to submit DMMOs where appropriate. Are you up to that task? Names please to David Gosling on email inspection@pnfs.org.uk.

Ken Brockway, Footpath Inspector

Movies of PNFS Walks

I have been a walker all my life, one of those people that could not wait for a bus and would walk to the next stop, the next and occasionally missing the bus, but hey, it kept me fit and saved me money. In my late teens I started walking the hills once a month on Sundays walking mainly in and around Saddleworth. I was brought up in sunny Ardwick and never saw any hills until then so maybe that is why I love them so much. Two things I love doing are walking and playing badminton: the former allows you to think about anything and the latter allows me to think about nothing but the game. These are two physical activities that I consider keep me fit and healthy.

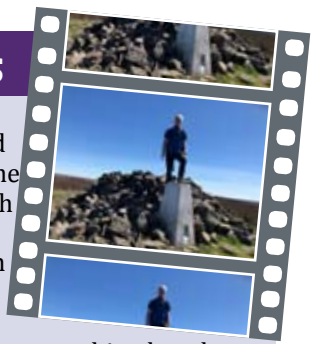
Two years ago I also started doing walks on my own (the reason why is another story) trying different routes to the same places to find the best routes, but more recently I thought about doing ATCF (as the crow flies) walks because, I thought "I just know that is how they walked in the olden days". To create a ATCF, plot a straight line from start to destination on OS maps (giving the distance and shows all the footpaths nearby) and then plot another route as near as possible to the ATCF line. I did this on one of my walks from Glossop to Greenfield ATCF it took 17.5 km/10.88 mi in 5.5 hours with breaks. Take a look at the movie Glossop to Greenfield as the crow flies, walked in May 2019, on https://youtu.be/BsFlc4jx_7o.

I now record all of my walks to remember them and for others to view. I had previously taken photographs on walks but the recordings are more detailed videos than any photographs. I then started to edit them and convert them into movies. I found that when I replayed them they made me smile and I was able to return to them at any time. They are great memories and I store them on my computer and mobile phone. I then thought more younger people should get out there walking and I thought about putting them up on YouTube. I have worked on computers nearly all my life but putting them on the web worried me a bit, mainly because you do not know where they will end up. I discussed this with a friend after a game of badminton and he encouraged me to just put one up there. So the following week I set up a YouTube channel and uploaded my first video. I now have over 170 videos of walks and events. There is no advertising on these videos. They are up there for people to look at, to provide information on these walks/events and to encourage people to get walking.

I retired on my sixty-fifth birthday in September 2017 after working for fifty years and joined PNFS in June 2018 after being invited on a few walks previously by Martin Riley who is a long standing PNFS member, footpath inspector and walk leader. An old friend of mine, Martin is a real walking man whom I have come to admire and with whom I am now serving my second apprenticeship.

I have enjoyed PNFS's Wednesday walks, both shorter and longer ones. They have given me a new insight to some very interesting in PNFS areas, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire. All the PNFS walks I have done have been recorded and uploaded to YouTube and this article is my opportunity to give some details about them. My main goal is to keep on walking, recording and reaching 100 subscribers on my channel. This is when YouTube allows a movie channel to have its own logical name. I currently have 40 subscribers To view PNFS walking videos, go to www.youtube.co.uk then type in 'mywalkingmovies pnfs', which will list all the walks. For a table of the walks please email kensmith4rj@icloud.com.

Ken Smith, Member



James Cain: An Appreciation

I first encountered James some 25 years ago on a walk he was leading for the North and Mid Cheshire RA and it was the great cirque of Edale - te full bifters. It was a fitting tough and demanding venture by one who by reputation did not take prisoners. However half way round he showed his (limited) compassionate side by diving into the Nags Head, declaring it "beer time."

We became good friends sharing a love of visiting and recording the individual numbers of OS Triangulation pillars. It was only of late that I overtook his total, reported the fact to him and was promptly called a "ratbag". That was truly a term of endearment he used and not many were graced with it!

His mountain and hill climbing achievements were legion - all the Wainwrights, every one of the 440 plus Nuttalls (which we know as Mintos), ie the 2,000 plus feet tops of England and Wales and long distance paths galore - Pennine Way several times, Coast to Coast, Cotswold Way, the massive South Wales to North Wales over every summit on or off piste, and for good measure Lands End to John o' Groats. I accompanied him on his final Nuttall, Pillar Rock, with the assistance of a rock climbing guide. Having climbed the summit he was given the option of abseiling off but declined and climbed down secured by but not using the rope. On returning we had to wade a river which James promptly sat in! But the bottle of celebratory Glennfiddich he had brought enlivened us both.



He joined PNFS as a 10 year member and in my run-up to becoming chairman he attended the then-rumbustuous monthly council meetings - long dispensed with not least down to James's advice to me on the subject. He attended AGMs and half year meetings, usually wearing his bobble hat which stayed in place and when bored with proceedings would feign sleep but, be not fooled, he never really was.

James was truly a man for all seasons, a colossus, and he leaves the world a poorer place. If there are heavenly hills he will already have ticked them off! I am proud to have known him. Rest in Peace Jimbo.

David Bratt, President

Wind Hill Toposcope

A toposcope on Win Hill was installed by David Morton and Peter Ash on 7 June 2019. It was in memory of Geoff Errington (1949-2012) for his services and generosity to the PNFS.

The Society received objections by a “walker and runner” and it was reported by a cyclist as damaged on our Facebook page on 21 July. The toposcope was stolen between then and 29 July when David Bratt and David Morton climbed up from Twitchill Farm intending to repair it. There was no sign of the disc, just remnants of the grey, cement base.

The total cost of the toposcope amounted to £1,000 and took almost two years to come to fruition. In the face of this pattern of vandalism and theft, we plan to dedicate a fourth signpost to the memory of Geoff, as a token of our appreciation for all that he did for PNFS.



STOP PRESS! POLICE CONTACTED BY PNFS

The theft is now a police matter, crime number 19000400548. Can any member help or provide any info? If so, contact David Bratt on phone number 01925 762472 or bratty41@hotmail.com. The police are in possession of emails from a disaffected individual objecting to the installation.

Book Review: Who Owns England

by Guy Shrubsole, published by Williams Collins

The CROW act of 2000 was a massive step forward in increasing the amount of land that the public can walk across without let or hindrance. However, as Guy Shrubsole points out in his book, *Who Owns England*, only about 10% of England and Wales has been classified as 'Open Access' land. In some parts of the country the area is considerably lower, for example the figure for west Berkshire is a mere 1.5%.

It would appear that the answer to the question posed by the book's title should be found in the Land Registry. In reality this is not always the case. Each request for data costs £3.00 and there are 24 million records held by the Land Registry, so the cost of accessing the entire data set would be £72 million! Ownership details for 17% of land isn't held by the Land Registry, records only have to be submitted when ownership changes. The information held can be difficult to interpret and would be much more useful if it was combined with data from the Ordnance

Survey and the Valuation Office. This proposal was in the last Conservative party manifesto but to date no progress has been made.

An early chapter titled England's Darkest Secret is an account of how attempts to comprehensively document land ownership over the last 200 years have invariably failed for a range of reasons makes for intriguing reading. The subsequent chapters demonstrate the determination of the author and his colleague Anna Powell-Smith to uncover as much information as possible about land ownership in England.

The book is subtitled *How We Lost Our Green and Pleasant Land and How to Take It Back*. The author argues strongly that all information about who owns what land should be freely available and that land ownership laws should be reformed. Shrubsole claims that such reforms are vital in order to tackle issues such as the housing crisis, the threat to ecosystems, the pressures that farming will face when Britain leaves the EU and inequality in society. The book concludes with 'An agenda for English land reform'. It is a 10 point plan which begins with completing and opening up the Land Registry and ends with the 'instigation of a new land ethic' which would ensure that responsibility goes hand in hand with ownership.

There is no doubt that the issues raised by the book are complex and possibly have a range of solutions. However, open access to the Land Registry, even with its current shortcomings would be very useful to PNFS in its work to locate potential Lost Ways. This would enable the relevant land owners to be quickly identified and subsequently involved in the process establishing whether a new Public Right of Way should be established.

The book is a fascinating insight into land ownership in England. It provides a detailed account of how the present situation has come about and poses very interesting questions what should happen in the future. I can't recommend it highly enough. Anyone interested in the book should also take a look at the author's blog <http://whoownsengland.org/> and the associated interactive map <http://map.whoownsengland.org/>.

Mel Bale, Trustee, Membership Secretary and Webmaster



Parish Notes ~ Hayfield

Hayfield has always been a friendly and welcoming village but now it's official! The village has just been accredited Walkers Are Welcome status by the national initiative which was set up to promote walking in areas with something different to offer. The aim is to promote Hayfield as 'walker-friendly', to maintain local footpaths, to encourage local residents to walk more and to benefit local businesses by attracting tourism. They hope also to encourage walkers to use public transport where possible, and to park considerately in the village.

The group has already received financial support from Hayfield Parish Council, the Hayfield Kinder Trespass Group and the Alpket Foundation. There are plans to work with local Rangers, the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society, local walking groups, and particularly the very active Sustainable Hayfield group, to help promote the Walkers Are Welcome initiative.

Hayfield has an active and friendly community, with events throughout the year and facilities to accommodate walkers: a thriving cricket club in the centre of the village, regular fell races, May Queen celebrations, Wells Dressings, Apple Day and the Sheepdog Trials. Add the six pubs, three cafes, an Italian restaurant, a campsite (with glamping pods!), an art gallery and a photographic / interior design shop, there's plenty to entertain the village's many visitors who are looking for more than 'just' a walk.

The village has a population of around 2,700 and 90% of the parish of Hayfield is within the boundaries of the Peak District National Park, although the village centre itself isn't.

Hayfielders are proud of the village's long history of association with access to the

countryside. In 1930, for example, 12,000 day-trippers from Manchester and Salford visited the village during the Easter Weekend, but found that they were extremely limited in where they could walk. This experience was one of the contributing factors that led to the Hayfield Kinder Mass Trespass in 1932 - a coordinated protest involving three groups of walkers who approached Kinder Scout from



different directions at the same time. This act of civil disobedience played a significant role in securing access rights to the moorlands, mountains and countryside of the UK. And arguably led to the passage of the National Parks legislation in 1949;

the Pennine Way and other long-distance footpaths; and the rights of walkers to be protected by the CROW Act of 2000.

Hayfield's notable history, its stunning Peak District surroundings and vibrant community, its accessibility from nearby conurbations, and the fact that it is still one of the main routes onto the Kinder massif has established it as a hugely popular destination for walkers from all over the world.

But apart from anything else, and all these dry facts ... Hayfield is a beautiful village, nestled amongst the best scenery the Peak District has to offer. It's also a great, fun place to live and visit!

Julie Gough, Member

Photograph: Garry Lomas Photography

This article is part of a series of Parish Notes which will be published both on the website and in future editions of the magazine. Readers who would like to contribute are encouraged to contact Mel Bale at webmaster@pnfs.org.uk.

Signpost Report

New Signposts

Two new signposts have been installed, taking the total to 520. They are:

S582 at Roaches Gate, on Leekfrith FP82, in memory of the late John Mayer of Buxton Mountain Rescue Team

S596 at Abraham's Leap on the Sandstone Trail, Frodsham FP43, in memory of the late Brian Whitworth of Cheshire Tally Ho! Running Club

Toposcope 3 in memory of the late Geoff Errington of PNFS was finally installed on 7 June 2019 on Win Hill after almost two years of visits, gaining consents and finding a supplier. In a few weeks it was then objected to by one person, vandalised and finally stolen in July. Derbyshire Police and Geoff's former partner have been informed. Geoff's very generous contribution to the Society was already commemorated on three signposts on the Ecclesbourne Way, close to his home in Belper. I am now looking for a suitable location for a fourth in light of the theft of his memorial toposcope.

Six new plates are on order from Leander. They are as follows:

S594 at SD 65371 36406, north of Stydd Manor Farm, Ribchester

S595 at SD 94768 10325, top of Jordan Brow, Crompton Fold, Shaw, Oldham

S597 at SK 07161 99420, on the north side of Crowden campsite, Longdendale

S598 at SD 68448 33648, at Ashes Farm, Copster Green, Ribble Valley

S599 at SD 67995 33286, at Ashes Farm, Copster Green, Ribble Valley

S600 at SJ 50119 53265, on the Sandstone Trail, Bickerton, S of Mad Allen's Hole - suggested by footpath inspector, John Alexander

S594 and 598 in the Ribble Valley will be at locations suggested by Shirley Addy. Further suggestions by footpath inspectors are welcome.

Maintenance

Three more signs have been "re-posted" by reusing the old, shortened posts and attaching them to concrete stumps for durability. They are :

S104 at Clough House, Wildboardclough, which is now set back from the road to reduce damage from road salt.

S119 at Elmerhurst Cottage, Lyme Park. Both 119 and 104 were also shot-blasted and powder-coated.

S325 at Four Inns Farm, Alsop-en-le-Dale, north of Tissington

Memorial Plaques

I am dealing with several new enquiries for signposts as memorials (see notice on rear cover). NB: The National Trust does not permit them on NT land.

David Morton, Signpost Officer

Book Review: Celebrating Fifty Years of Adventure 1969-2019

Contributing editor: Kev Reynolds, published by Cicerone, ISBN 9781786 310309

Many members will own several of Cicerone's outdoor books and be interested that the publisher celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, Cicerone has published a commemorative book, *Celebrating Fifty Years of Adventure 1969-2019*. Produced in large hardback, this is a superb compilation of adventures specially written by many of Cicerone's authors.

Of much interest to me as an erstwhile publisher and editor of several magazines is the story of how Cicerone was founded in 1969 by two couples over a dining table. Cicerone means 'guide' and the company's first book was *The Northern Lake District* by G A Hassall (now out of print, but available as a collector's item at £20). This book was reprinted many times - reputed to have been due to the colour of its cover making it invisible when dropped in the snow so climbers would have to buy another copy!

Unlike works of fiction or history that require no regular updating, a guide to walks, treks or climbs is of any use only if its information is accurate. Hence, whenever a route alters, for example, due to destruction by rockfall, avalanche or flood, it rests upon the author to include these changes in an updated or completely new edition. This continuous 'ownership' by the guidebook's author and publisher sets Cicerone apart from other publishers. Several titles have been in continuous updating and reprinting for forty years. It is testimony to its business ethos and close relationships with its writers that it survived both the mouth and foot epidemic in 2001 which saw sales of outdoor books plummet and the financial crash of 2008.

Fifty adventures form the bulk of *Celebrating Fifty Years of Adventure 1969-2019* and over twenty are set in the UK, followed by the remainder in Europe and elsewhere. These are evocatively and succinctly written and accompanied by the authors' own photographs. Members will recognise the names of some of these contributors, such as Terry Marsh and Paddy Dillon. The book concludes with a collection of mishaps and misadventures survived by several Cicerone authors.

Congratulations go to Cicerone for reaching their fiftieth anniversary and producing an excellent book. *Celebrating Fifty Years of Adventure 1969-2019* was a delight to read and hold. It would be a splendid addition to libraries of Cicerone fans and armchair adventurers. It would also make an attractive Christmas present to lovers of the great outdoors.

During 2019, Cicerone will donate £1 per book sold on www.cicerone.co.uk to two charities, the Bendrigg Trust and Juniper Trust.

Shirley M Addy, Editor and Footpath Inspector



Walks for PNFS Members

Please check all train times - Check pnfs.org.uk for any updates

Short Walks

John Fisher, Walks Co-ordinator

Wednesday, 11 September

Leader: David Gosling (07841 647275)
Disley circular via Whaley Moor and Lyme Park; 6 miles, one moderate climb
Train from Manchester Piccadilly 10:11
Walk starts Disley Station 10:40

Wednesday, 9 October

Leader: Ross Myddleton (07941 547378)
Entwistle circular by the Witton Weavers Way; 8 miles, undulating up to 1,000 ft
Train from Manchester Victoria 09:41 to Entwistle (request stop), via Salford Crescent and Bolton
Walk starts Entwistle Station 10:20

Wednesday, 13 November

Leader: Udo Pope (07717 802468)
Marple circular, via Mellor and Cobden Edge; 8.5 miles, 1,500 ft ascent
Train from Manchester Piccadilly 10:19
Walk starts Marple station 10:45

Wednesday, 11 December

Leader: John Fisher (01625 439298, mob 07432 825624)
Macclesfield circular; 7 miles, some climbs
Train from Manchester Piccadilly 10:35
Walk starts Macclesfield Station 11:00
Followed by Xmas pub social with long walkers at Wetherspoons, Macclesfield

Longer Walks

David Bratt, Walks Co-ordinator

Wednesday, 28 August

Leader: Dave Rigby (01484 846412)
Linear walk Slaithwaite to Greenfield; 10 miles, hilly
Train from Manchester Piccadilly 10:17 or Huddersfield 10:28
Walk starts Slaithwaite station at 10:50

Wednesday, 25 September

Leaders: Ken Brockway (01949 843572) and John
Linear walk Tutbury to Uttoxeter; 10 miles, fairly level; walk passes site of explosion at RAF Fauld (see Wikipedia)
Train from Manchester Piccadilly 09:35 change Stoke
Walk starts Tutbury and Hatton station at 11:10

Wednesday, 30 October

Leader: Brian Lomas (0161 688 5237)
Circular walk Newhey; 10 miles hilly
Walk starts Newhey Metro stop at 10:30

Wednesday, 27 November

Leader: Paul Easthope (01457 855015)
Circular walk New Mills Central; 10 miles, 1,200 ft ascent via Mellor and Rowarth
Train from Manchester Piccadilly 09:41
Walk starts New Mills Central 10:10

Wednesday, 11 December

Leader: David Bratt (07401 789400)
Circular walk Macclesfield; 10 miles, 1,500 ft ascent (reduced if bad weather)
Train from Manchester Piccadilly 09:44
Walk starts Macclesfield station 10:20
Followed by Xmas pub social with short walkers at Wetherspoons, Macclesfield

Photograph by David Hurrell



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Signpost Wanted?

PNFS signposts have again been in demand by members, both as memorials and to commemorate anniversaries of walking groups, couples and individuals.

If you are interested in one for yourself or your group, contact David Morton by email at davidcmorton@ntlworld.com or by phoning 0161 283 7824.

They cost £325 and there are several ready and waiting in our region. Paying for one will help PNFS to fund more and future maintenance is assured, up to and including shot-blasting and powder-coating, as well as cleaning, repainting and reposting.



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